

IPCC AR5 Timetable

The general AR5 timetable

Completion dates (source: Renate Christ, Nov 2009, [pdf](#)):

Working Group I: Mid September 2013

Working Group II: Mid March 2014

Working Group III: Early April 2014

Synthesis Report: September 2014

CMIP5 and WG1 milestones and schedule

(sources of future timeline information: the IPCC WG1 [website](#) (<http://www.ipcc-wg1.unibe.ch/AR5/AR5.html>), with additional information obtained through personal communications with Thomas Stocker (WG1 Co-Chair) and Jerry Meehl (WGCM Co-Chair):

2007

- Preliminary set of CMIP5 experiments discussed (WGCM meeting).

2008

- Community-wide consensus reached on the complete, prioritized list of CMIP5 experiments.

2009

- List of requested model output developed.
- September: WGCM endorses final set of CMIP5 experiments

2010

- Modeling groups begin production runs and produce CMIP5 output.
- May: ESG software, which will serve model output, is released.
- **July: First model output expected to be available for analysis.**
- November 8-11: First Lead Authors Meeting (LA1), Kunming, China
 - preprints, papers submitted, accepted, in press, and published are all eligible for consideration

2011

- July 18-22: Second Lead Authors Meeting (LA2)
- October 24-28: WCRP Open Science Conference will include a CMIP5 session (Denver, Colorado)
- December 16 – February 10, 2012: Expert Review of the First Order Draft (FOD)

2012

- Early in year: CMIP5 Workshop
- April 16-20, 2012: Third Lead Authors Meeting (LA3)
- **July 31, 2012: By this date papers must be submitted for publication to be eligible for assessment by WG1.**
- October 5 – November 30: Expert and Government Review of the Second Order Draft (SOD)

2013

- January 14-19: Fourth Lead Authors Meeting (LA4)
- **March 15: By this date papers cited by WG1 must be published or accepted (with proof, for example, by a letter of confirmation from the editor)**
- June 7 – August 2: Final Government Distribution of the WGI AR5 Summary for Policymakers (SPM)
- September 13-14: Preparatory Meeting of WGI AR5 SPM/TS Writing Team and Convening Lead Authors
- September 16-19: WGI AR5 SPM Approval Plenary